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The question raised by the Sub-committee of the Central Advisory Board of Health at page 12 of its 'Report (1939)' does not appear to have been correctly stated in the G.D. Office note at page 40 ante. The Sub-Committee 's question contemplates inoculation of pilgrims before departure on pilgrimage outside the Province, as a precaution against a possible outbreak or endemic in the area in which the fair is held; so the question for R.L.A's decision is whether in the event of a possible outbreak of cholera at a fair the danger of the disease spreading in the Province as a result of infection being brought back by pilgrims returning from the fair constitutes a threat of cholera within the meaning of section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

2. The possibility of infection in the circumstances mentioned is contingent. Until it is actual or direct, it will not amount to a threat of cholera within the meaning of section 2 of the Act. When it becomes actual and amount tosuchthreat, it willbe open to have recourse to section 2 of the Act and to prohibit the entry into the province of the pilgrims returning uninoculated

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